The West Haven Board of Education’s Attendance Policy can be found online in the Student Handbook. Please make note of the following items:

*A student is considered Tardy at 8:30 a.m.

*4 times late to school or early departures constitute one unexcused absence

*Students absent more than 20 days each school year shall be seriously considered for retention.

*After ten absences, a student should have a Dr. note

*Parents should call the attendance line on each day a student will be absent (203) 931-6897

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**Principals’ Message:**

It was wonderful welcoming our new families and saying hello to familiar faces at our Open House. Mr. Weber and I appreciate our staff and families for helping us kick off our school year in such a unified fashion. As a team, we will have the best year yet!

If you haven’t had a chance, you can still join PTA. Notices were sent home about joining. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00. Come to all meetings or just come to the ones you can. Fundraisers will be coming home shortly and throughout the year. All funds raised are kicked back to the school for field trips, enrichment, and other areas. To learn more, please join!

Our fifth graders have made a great transition to Carrigan Intermediate and our sixth graders have come back demonstrating what great role models they can be. All are eager to learn and it’s been wonderful hearing their answers in class and seeing the great work they are producing. Be sure to check the Parent Portal at https://ps.whschools.org to access your child’s current grades. Mid marking period progress reports will be coming home soon. Please ask to see your child’s agenda daily and ask how the day went. If you have any questions, always feel free to reach out to the classroom teacher(s). We love open lines of communication and encourage it so that we continue to work together. We look forward to seeing you at Parent Visiting on October 23rd.

Alicia Limosani, Assistant Principal

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**October Calendar**

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**Carrigan’s Parents Visiting Day**

will be held on **October 23rd**.

There is **NO SCHOOL** for students on that day. Information for conference appointments will be sent home with the students.
School Picture Day
October 11th

Brochures will be sent home with the students so that you may select a package and your favorite background ahead of time. Payment must be submitted on that day if a portrait package is desired … don’t forget to bring your best smile as well!

Book Chat

The students at Carrigan participated in a “One School, One Read” event. This means that all of the students and staff read the same book.

Everyone was asked to read Ugly by Robert Hoge over the summer. Hoge says this is "A beautiful true story about courage, empathy, and one very ugly kid." Each ELA Teacher held a Book Chat and the students were able to discuss the book in detail.

Friday, October 19th is ‘Get Your Pink On’ day at Carrigan.
Donations of $1.00 will be given to the W.H. Breast Cancer Awareness Committee. Students will receive a breast cancer awareness pencil for their contribution and for wearing pink clothing.
Carrigan Students are Stepping Up Their Social Skills

The Guidance and Social Work Departments conduct social skill lessons in the 5th and 6th grade classrooms once every 10 days. Carrigan Intermediate School utilizes a curriculum called Second Step to help foster the development of our students socially, emotionally and behaviorally. Research shows that children who learn and use these skills are more likely to get along with others and do better in school. These skills are reflected in some of our Caring Cougar Characteristics and specifically include:

- Empathy
- Communication
- Handling Meanness
- Assertiveness
- Respectful Disagreement
- Emotions Management
- Problem Solving
- Perspective Taking

Should you have any questions, please direct them to:

- 5th grade Social Worker - Lisa Flemmig
- 5th grade School Counselor - Dora Barnes
- 6th grade Social Worker – Maura Izzo
- 6th grade School Counselor - Kara Kaczynski

Wednesday, October 24th is
UNITY DAY - wear orange to stand-up to bullying

Family Mystery Night
for our 6th grade students and their families

Friday, October 26th
6:00 p.m.

This year we will be ‘Rockin’ it old School’ ... come and join us for a night of fun, games and intrigue ... if you dare!
Carrigan School will be sponsoring a Costume Day on October 31st. Students must abide with the West Haven Board of Education Dress Code, which can be found in the student handbook, as well as the following guidelines:

- No masks
- No fake blood or inappropriate face make-up
- No weapons or props
- No flip-flops or open-toed shoes
- No slippers
- No mini skirts or tank tops

If students choose not to wear a costume, but would like to participate, they can wear black and orange that day.

We ask that you review this notice carefully and adhere to the guidelines that have been set to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable time!

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.